



Thomas Zychowicz

In 2002, Tom began to contemplate life after retirement. Initially volunteering at the Milwaukee Public Museum twice a week, giving lectures about the history of film and movies in the Nickelodeon Theater on the Streets of Old Milwaukee. He quickly joined the Interfaith-MPS Tutor Program and found his first placement at Fairview Elementary School. Helping third grade students with reading and math one day a week, it didn't take long for the students to develop a strong bond with him or for the teachers to request additional volunteer hours from the popular tutor.

In 2010, Tom became the lead tutor at Fairview, accepting additional responsibilities. He was instrumental in recruiting new tutors and took the lead on in-school communications between RSVP and School Staff. In the last 2 years alone, Tom dedicated 157 hours to helping students develop their literacy skills by working with students in small groups & one-on-one.

As a member of Interfaith's 2014 RSVP Advisory Council, Tom attends quarterly meetings. Having served 4 years in the Navy, Tom joined the Volunteer for Veterans program when it first started in 2013 and served a total of 456 hour. His second placement was with Disabled American Veterans where he volunteered twice a week.

Tom has been making a difference in the lives of other people and is a great example of what seniors can do to enrich and sustain our community. His commitment to serving students, educators, veterans and their families throughout Milwaukee County has been deeply impactful and beyond inspirational.

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